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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEE WORK SCHEDULING

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This paper is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114. Entry of these amendments and favorable action are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer, and please amend claims 1, 4-6 and 13-18 as set forth on the following pages. Please add new claim 20 as set forth below.

A complete set of the claims and their current status is provided as well.